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1. A course in chemical defense (khimzashchita) is given in the fifth (last) year of Moscow State University medical school. This course lasts four hours a day, seven days a week, and is a compulsory course. Laboratory experiments are carried out on rats during the course, to show the effects of various chemicals which are employed in warfare. World War II textbooks are used in the course. Course examinations are required of female students, but male students complete the course during their summer military training. Available in the CIA Library, from which photocopies can be obtained, are a 39-page English translation and the original notes which were taken in the class during the 1958-1959 school year. Foreign students attended this class.
2. A public health course which is given in the medical school requires the reading by students of two publications on civil defense. The publications are Organization of the Medical Service of the MPVO (Organizatsiya meditsinskoy sluzhby MPVO), by Abramov, and Basis of the Organization of the Work of Formation and Establishment of the Medical Service of MPVO, by I. M. Timko. Answers to the following questions were required in the final examination for this course:
 - a. Characteristics of the center of an explosion in a mass attack. This question concerned the destructive effects of atomic and hydrogen bombs, for which statistics were taken from U. S. experiments.
 - b. The tasks and activities of the Medical Service (MS) of Local Anti-air Defense (MPVO).
 - c. Principles of the organization of the MS/MPVO.
 - d. The mobile units of the MS/MPVO.

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- e. The medical groups and posts for search for, and transportation of, wounded. Groups of 23 persons have been organized in factories to act as units in case of air attack. The posts are manned by four persons. Groups of 125 students from the twelfth year of school and the first three university classes will be employed to transport the wounded to aid stations.
- f. The collection and classification of first aid groups and detachments; each group contains twelve nurses.
- g. Permanent installations of the MS/MPVO.
- h. Permanent medical aid points, their structure and tasks.
- i. The role of city and rayon hospitals in the work of the MS/MPVO.
- j. The structure and tasks of the classification/evacuation bases.
- k. Classification and evacuation hospitals.
- l. The direction of the MS/MPVO. The MS MPVO is headed by either the Abramov or Timko mentioned above.

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